

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 11-15 and 17-22 remain in this application, where claims 9-10 and 16 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice and claims 17-22 have been added. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

By means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed February 2, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) for not supplying a legible copy of non-patent literature, namely Patent Abstract of Japan, JP 2001-177224, Vol. 2000, No. 23, 10 February 2001. In response a legible

copy of JP 2001-177224 is enclosed. Accordingly, consideration of all the art cited in the information disclosure statement is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because the drawings are not of sufficient quality to permit examination. In response, replacement sheets including FIGs 1-4 are enclosed which are of sufficient quality to permit examination. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawings objection and approval of the enclosed proposed drawings.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,320,128 (Glovatsky). Further, claim 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,219,640 (Gazit). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 4-17 are patentable over Glovatsky and Gazit for at least the following reasons.

Glovatsky is directed to an environmentally-sealed electronic assembly, where electronic components are interconnected with the traces and encapsulated within metal foil to provide sealed assembly. A filler material is also encapsulated within the metal

foil to neutralize any penetrants. As clearly shown in FIGs 1, 4 and 7, the Glovatsky device does not have a body "with a three-dimensional shape that is derived from the consumer electronic product," as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 6 and 11. Rather, the Glovatsky device is an assembly for connection to a further device, such as through ribbon or flexible cables with connectors as shown in FIGs 1, 4 and 7. That is, the Glovatsky assembly does not have the shape of any consumer electronic product.

Gazit is similar to Glovatsky in that Gazit discloses a flexible circuit that also does not have a body "with a three-dimensional shape that is derived from the consumer electronic product," as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 6 and 11.

It is respectfully submitted that Glovatsky, Gazit, and combination thereof, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 9 and 11 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):


a body provided with a three-dimensional shape that is derived from the consumer electronic product and incorporates structurally at least part of a shape of the consumer electronic product.

These features are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Glovatsky and Gazit, alone or in combination. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 6 and 11 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 7-8 and 12-15 and 17-22 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 6 and 11, as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheets (4 sheets including
FIGs 1-4)
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